

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Yoshiyuki ISHIKURA et al.	:	Confirmation No.: 9548
Application No. 10/562,716	:	Group Art Unit: 1614
Filed: January 23, 2006	:	Examiner: Zohreh Vakili
FOR: PREVENTIVE OR AMELIORATING AGENT FOR LIVER DISEASE INVOLVING HEPATOPATHY	:	

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the FINAL Office Action mailed January 6, 2010, the Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application. Applicants petition herewith a THREE-month extension of time, extending the period of response until July 6, 2010.

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.

The paper is concurrently filed with a **Notice of Appeal**.